



## Dear Community Partner,

In these unprecedented times, our partnerships are more important than ever. Thank you for being an advocate for our resilient community. Please enjoy the July edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update.

**Aquatics and Ice Arena Fun:** While the Palmer Wading Pool and Rockport Pool remain closed this season due to COVID-19, enjoy summer fun at the Bubbler at the Festival Street, the Splash Pad at Riverside Park, and Lions Beach. The Janesville Ice Arena is also available for small group rentals. Contact the Recreation Division for more information: (608) 755-3030 or [www.ci.janesville.wi.us/recreation](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/recreation).

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update:** The Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is seeking public input on biking and walking for its update to the Janesville Area Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which is essential to maintaining the City's eligibility for crucial state and federal transportation funding for trails and roads. Interested in voicing your opinion? Please [take the survey](#) through August 15 to comment on proposed future off-road trails. We appreciate your thoughts on biking and walking in the Janesville area.

**City Hall Access:** Masks are now required in City Hall and all other City facilities. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you at the Wall Street entrance of City Hall. If you cannot or do not wish to wear a mask in City Hall, please call the appropriate [City department](#) to make arrangements for assistance.

**Downtown:** Progress continues in Janesville's award-winning downtown.

- **Blain Gilbertson Family Heritage Bridge:** The primary bridge work was completed in June. This summer, ARISENow will install artwork on the bridge which will remain closed to pedestrian traffic until all additional improvements are installed, and the East Side Town Square is completed this fall.
- **East Side Town Square:** On Water St., most of the sidewalks and terraces have been completed, providing pedestrian access to area businesses. The pavement poured for Water St., from the pedestrian bridge north to Milwaukee St., will be finished in July. River wall work is expected to be completed in early- to mid-August, followed by the work on the Town Square portion of the project.

**Election Information:** Election Day is Tuesday, August 11. Register to vote [online](#) by July 22 at 5 p.m. To register after July 22, you must appear in-person at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in City Hall. To vote absentee, request a ballot [online](#) by August 6 at 5 p.m. Requesting an absentee ballot well before the deadline is highly encouraged. Absentee ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks will not be honored, and late arriving ballots will not be counted. For the first time, in-person absentee voting will be offered at the Janesville Senior Center (69 S. Water St.) July 27 - August 7 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on Aug. 7).

**Hedberg Public Library Summer Programs:** Social distancing fun! The Hedberg Public Library is hosting live, virtual storytimes and programs for kids, teens and adults throughout the summer. Join them for an adult online trivia game, "Books & BYOB," on Friday, July 31 live on their [Facebook page](#). The event features interactive, literary trivia and fun prizes from local businesses. Visit [HedbergPublicLibrary.org](http://HedbergPublicLibrary.org) for more information!

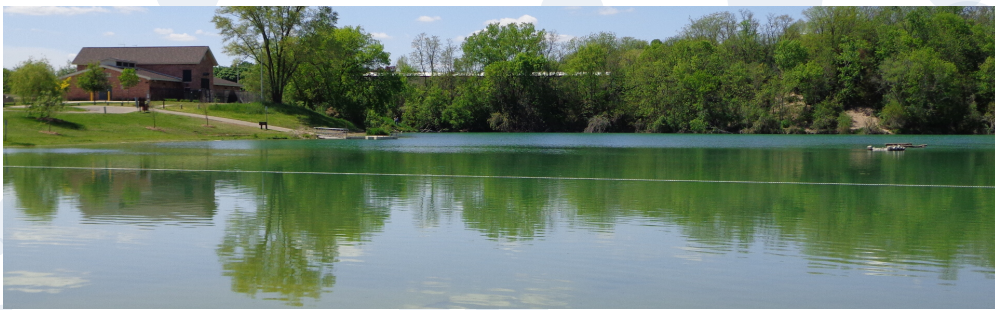
**Music at the Marv:** Music at the Marv is back! Enjoy the 2020 season by reserving your "pod" early and wearing a mask. Full rules, regulations, and registration information are available here: [www.ci.janesville.wi.us/matm](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/matm). Thank you to Mercyhealth and Downtown Janesville, Inc. for their partnership!

**S. Randall Ave./E. Racine St. Intersection:** This intersection is scheduled for safety improvements in 2021. The City received a grant through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for improvements which include upgrading traffic signals, adding designated left turn lanes, providing flashing yellow arrow operations, audible pedestrian signals, ADA improvements, and much more.

Questions? Contact Molly Nolte, Management Information Specialist: [noltem@ci.janesville.wi.us](mailto:noltem@ci.janesville.wi.us) or (608) 755-3094







All photos taken prior to COVID-19



See you Saturday mornings 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Main St.  
May through October  
Bring your mandatory mask!

#### COVID-19 Resources:

[www.ci.janesville.wi.us/covid19](http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/covid19)

We continue to encourage you  
to wear a mask!

